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DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE FEW

Hearings of All Three Alleged
Murderers in Epler Mystery
Set for January 8.

INQUIRIES LED TO NOTHING

Investigations the First of the Week
Fell When Woman Lacked Up On
A Statement.

Mrs. Inez Johnson, one of the three alleged principals in the Epler murder mystery, which may now be on the road to solution, was arraigned Wednesday at Ithaca, after having been brought from St. Johns Monday, and upon demanding a hearing, which was granted, she was again placed behind the bars. The hearing has been set for January 8th, the same time as the hearings of her alleged co-partners in the murder case, Albert McKimney and Joseph F. Brennan, all of whom are held on charges of murder in the case of Epler's hearing was set at the examination Thursday night and January a week ago.

Now new developments of importance have developed during the past week, but are said to be pending, which is expected to come at some time in the near future. It is understood that Deputy Sheriff Arthur Murphy is on his way to another state to make this arrest. It may add much to the case, or nothing may be developed, but the officers are hopeful that it will lead to something that will go a long way towards solving the mystery surrounding the brutal death of the Alma girl, who was so foully murdered the night of September 4.

Monday a number of inquiries were set on foot. One of these came through a remark of Mrs. Gilson's which caused the prosecutor to call an Alma woman to Ithaca, but when confronted by the Alma woman Mrs. Gilson, lacking up on her words, and there is absolutely nothing to show any connection in this regard. Prosecutor Ora L. Smith is convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that the woman had nothing to do with the case and knew nothing whatever about it in any way. She faced Mrs. Gilson in the prosecutor's office and made Mrs. Gilson admit that she was wrong in the statement which she had made.

Since a week ago it has been learned that the Republic Motor Truck Company of this city has had much to do with the case, and particularly is this true of F. W. Ruggles, president of the company. The concern has taken care of the expenses and salary of (Ora) Powers during his connection with the case, and with the understanding that he did not hope for the reward, but that the company wanted to see the case cleared up. It is understood that Powers will continue his work on the case until convictions are secured. Mr. Powers was working on some valuable leads which it is believed would have led to a confession in a few days if Beaudry had not been successful in his efforts. The trip to 1,000 miles away from Ithaca to secure an affidavit from a twelve year old lad, who overheard a conversation between Mrs. Johnson and the Epler girl, the night of the murder, was another thing in connection with the case, which was made possible by the Republic and Mr. F. W. Ruggles, who financed the trip, which was assured by Attorney James G. Kress that it would furnish a valuable link in the chain of evidence being forged by the three men, Powers, Beaudry and Kress.

Prosecutor Smith Monday night told the Record reporter that the reason for placing all hearings on the same day was to get them out of the way as soon as possible, and to keep down the expenses in the case just as much as possible, and be consistent with justice and good judgment.

The prosecution is looking for a hard legal battle which is certain to come before the alleged murderers can be convicted and placed behind the bars for a long term of years, and every possible effort is being expended to the securing of additional information and evidence in making a stronger case against the three alleged murderers of Beatrice Epler. It is believed that prosecutor Ora L. Smith has some new evidence now of a nature which will not be divulged until the case gets into court.

Monday James Johnson, husband of Mrs. Inez Johnson, one of the three held on a charge of murder was picked up here by officers Murphy and Vibber and taken to Ithaca for a hard grilling before the prosecutor. Admissions were secured by prosecutor Smith, which he had hoped to get.

GOOD BUSINESS

Reports from the various business institutions of the city indicate that the merchants of Alma enjoyed the largest holiday business this year they have ever had.

Practically all of the merchants of the city did their holiday advertising through the columns of the Alma Record, some of them using the Record columns exclusively, and among these are the business men who claim the biggest business in their history. This tells the story of the value of Alma Record advertising.

LEASE NOT CLOSED

Council Hopes to Get Better Terms
for Pumping Station Lease.

The lease, which will turn over the pumping station of the Alma Roller Mills to the city of Alma for the year 1918, has not yet been signed and it is very probable that it will not be signed before the adjourned meeting of the council is held Monday evening, December 31. There seems to be a well grounded belief among the members of the committee which has charge of this matter that better terms for the lease can be secured from Mr. Sharp, than those which he offered a little over a week ago.

As a result of this belief the members of the committee, which was to report to the council last evening, were given additional time to dicker with Mr. Sharp in regard to the matter and the final report will be brought before the council Monday evening at the final meeting of the year.

As the contract of the city with the Alma Roller Mills for pumping water expires with the year 1917, it is confidently expected that some action in regard to the lease will be made at the meeting Monday night and that the matter will be closed up.

WOMAN DROPPED

DEAD MONDAY

Mrs. Kate Doty Was Not Identified
Until Tuesday Night by
Her Husband.

More than a ripple of excitement was caused late Monday evening when it was noted around that a woman, who had not been identified, had dropped dead in front of Brainerd hospital. The following evening, however, she was found to have been Mrs. Kate Doty, residing on East Superior street.

The woman, who was about thirty-five years of age, had arrived in the city from the westbound Pere Marquette and started for the business section of the city through which she would pass on going to her home. She reached a point in front of the hospital, when she dropped to the sidewalk. Before aid could reach her she had died.

At the time no one seemed to have any idea who the woman could be, and it was not until Wednesday night that her identity became known. Officer Flansburg viewed the corpse that evening and thought that it was the body of Mrs. Doty and he summoned Mr. Doty, who discovered that the body of the unknown woman was the body of his wife, who left on an early train Monday evening to visit friends a couple of stations west of here.

It comes to the Alma Record that the woman would have figured as a witness in the Epler murder case, which is now pending, which has been made clear since from certain sources. Whether this will have any effect in the prosecution of the case or not cannot be told.

CHURCH OF CHRIST REVIVAL.

The revival planned for the month of January at the Church of Christ of this city will begin Tuesday evening January 1st. Evangelist J. S. Raun will be assisted by Harwood S. Saxton and wife of Troy, Ohio. Mr. Saxton comes highly recommended as one of the foremost song leaders and soloists of America and Mrs. Saxton as a violinist of rare ability. A. McLean, President of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society says concerning him "Mr. Saxton is a superb leader and soloist, in my opinion he has no superior among the music leaders of America." Rev. Wm. J. Wright, Secy of the American Christian Missionary Society says, "He is a royal hearty christian gentleman. Easily among the best leaders and greatest Evangelist soloists in America." In the Chapman campaign of 1910-1911 he was recognized as by far the leading soloist in the party. Mr. Raun has been able to secure Mr. Saxton for Alma because of their former friendship and association in the work. Song services will begin at 7:30 each evening during the week.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Michigan, December 24, 1917
Advertised list for week ending December 24, 1917.

Mr. Elmer Berthwick.
Mrs. Charlie Bittenbender.
Mr. Frank Calhoun.
Mr. Geo. Crowler.
Mrs. Coulahan.
Lloyd Dunn.
Mrs. Edward Ferris.
Mr. D. L. Foster.
Mr. S. W. Harton.
Mr. Clarence W. Harder.
Mr. Hastings.
Mrs. Jennie Henderson.
Mr. Fred Jarrard.
John Michael Kenny.
Mr. Theo Lange.
George Lehman.
Mr. William Leahy, (two).
Mr. John McPhail, (two).
Mr. Fred Price.
Jay Quinn.
Mr. Ollie Root.
Prof. D. R. Stevard.
Mrs. Laura Wiles.
Mr. G. W. Wimer.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office January 7, 1918.

V. P. Cash,
Postmaster.

KING APPOINTED NUMEROUS AIDS

All Set for Hot Campaign for
War Savings Certificates
and Thrift Stamps.

HAS A GOOD ADVISORY BOARD

Educators, Postmasters, Business Men,
Ministers and Others Will Aid
in the Work.

Francis King, county chairman in charge of the campaign in behalf of the sales for the war certificate and thrift stamps, has announced the committees which will work with him during the campaign, which will be pushed hard.

The campaign is to be carried into the schools and every effort will be made to interest everyone in the movement, and to get everyone to invest their savings in this way, so that Gratiot may lead to the government a huge sum this year.

Following are the appointments made by Mr. King:

Chairman—Francis King of Alma, Vice Chairman—V. P. Cash of Alma, Director of Publicity—H. M. Dunham of Alma, Director of Thrift Clubs—L. A. Sharp of Alma, Director of Speakers—W. A. Bahlke of Alma, Chairman Woman's executive committee—Mrs. E. H. Soule of Alma, Advisory committee: Francis King of Alma, Howard Potter of Ithaca, A. F. Schultz of Alma, H. M. Crooks of Alma, V. P. Cash of Alma, C. M. Brown of Ithaca, C. G. Rhodes of Alma, D. W. Robinson of Alma, C. H. Washburn of Alma, C. A. Price of Ithaca, J. E. Collins of Alma, Rev. Fr. O'Toole and Rev. Mason of Alma. The state committee has not yet received its supplies from the national headquarters and this is holding up the delivery of material to the county chairman, and holding up the starting of the campaign as a result. It is hoped that it may get under way in another week or ten days.

THE CHURCHES

St. John's Church
10:00 a. m. Morning Prayer, Subject: Redeeming the Time.
11:30 a. m. Sunday School
11:30 a. m. Men's Bible Class
5:00 p. m. Vesper Service

Baptist Church
J. W. Priest, pastor. Residence, 802
Gardner.

Sunday morning service, 10 o'clock.
Sermon, "Where is the Good Way?"
Sunday school, 11:15.
Junior Union, 3 o'clock.
B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6 o'clock.
Topic, "Our Duty to Mexico."
Evening service, 7 o'clock.
Sermon, "The Book of Life."
Union Prayer meeting next Thursday night in Episcopal church.
All are invited to these services.

Church of Christ
Pine St. J. S. Raun, minister.
10 a. m. Worship and sermon.
Subject, "Stones Rolled Away."
11:15 a. m. Bible school.
6:00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting.
7:00 p. m. Song service and sermon.
Subject, "The Old and the New."
Special Gospel services every night during the week except Monday.

First Presbyterian Church
William H. Mason, pastor.
Sunday, December 30.
10 a. m.—Public worship. Subject: "Life an Exclamation."
11:30 a. m.—Sabbath school.
2:45 p. m.—Eastminster Sabbath school.
6:15 p. m.—Y. P. S. C. E.
7:00 p. m.—Public worship. Subject: "Vale, Vale, Vale."
A cordial welcome to all services of the church.

Christian Science
First Church of Christ, Scientist.
Knights of Pythias Hall.
Sunday, 10:50 a. m.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Subject for December 30, "Christian Science."
Reading room open Saturday afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock.

AUCTION SALES

Matt Johnson
Having rented his farm Matt Johnson will offer at public auction at the farm, two miles west and four miles north of Forest Hill, on Wednesday, January 3, his stock of horses, cattle, farm implements, tools, etc. Eleven months time on sums over five dollars. Sale starts at 10:00 a. m. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

L. R. McJimmey
L. R. McJimmey will sell at public auction at the Fletcher farm, one mile south and one and one-half miles west of Elwell corners, on Tuesday, January 8th, at 10:00 a. m., his stock of horses, cattle, feed, farm tools, implements, etc. Ten months time on sums over five dollars. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

Deputy sheriff Arthur Murphy left Wednesday afternoon for Camp Logan, Illinois, where he expects to locate a party who will be a material witness in the Epler murder case. He is expected to return Friday.

THEY ARE MARRIED

Former Record Employee Married
Christmas in Battle Creek.

Miss Reba B. Northrop and Mr. L. Beckman were married at 4:00 p. m. Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham of Battle Creek, where the two have been living during the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckman will both be remembered as former employees of the Alma Record. Mrs. Beckman was connected with the Record for about a year in various capacities, having been an advertising solicitor during the greater part of the time that she was connected with the concern. Mr. Beckman, with the Record a shorter time, was a pressman.

They are now employed by the Elite Press of Battle Creek.

The Alma Record extends congratulations to the Newlyweds.

SERGEANT DEAN COWDRY

WED MISS BRONSON

Quiet Wedding of this Popular
Couple Took Place Christmas
Eve in St. John's Church.

On Christmas Eve in St. John's Church Sergeant Dean E. Cowdry was married to Miss Rena M. Bronson. The church was beautifully decorated for the season and the white hangings symbolized like the Christmas Festival and the marriage ceremony. The bride and groom were attended by the immediate families on both sides. The service was impressive and will be long remembered by all present. The groom was in his uniform which he comes him very well. The bride was gowned with becoming taste. After the honeymoon Sergeant Cowdry will return to his post. Mrs. Cowdry will continue in her present position as an employee of the Republic Truck Co. All their friends hope for a speedy ending of the war in order that a long separation may not be necessary. This is the first wedding in uniform in St. John's Church.

TAKE RAILROADS

Railroads Go Under Government Control Friday Morning.

A proclamation from President Woodrow Wilson, made public this morning, announces that on Friday morning the United States Government will take over all of the railroads of the country.

It is believed that the Government will be in a better position to handle supplies, troops, etc., and that on the whole the government control during the period of the war will be far better for the country than under private control.

Wilson assures stock owners that they will not lose because of the taking over of the railroads, but that the fair earnings of the roads will be given them by the government and that the equipment will be kept in repair and turned back in just as good shape as when taken over.

PRIZES NOT HERE

County Had Cross Unable To Get
Prizes for Winners Yet.

A letter from the Michigan Anti-Tuberculosis Association dated Dec. 22, conveys the information that the supply of buttons and pins and other prizes is held up and that some of them cannot be delivered to the state association before January 15, which will make the delivery to the county association still later.

According to the letter, which was received by Mrs. Shepard, part of the supplies will be delivered the latter part of December, but that the rest will not be ready for delivery before January 15th.

Mrs. Shepard asks that the prize winners be indulgent for a short time, and assures them that as soon as the prizes are in her hands that they will be forwarded to the different prize winners.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Following is the list of marriage licenses issued for the week ending Dec. 22, 1917.

Theodore Chaffin 59, North Star w.p. Cora M. Jolly 47, Washington twp. Glen Cronkright 25, St. Louis Dora Mills 18, North Star Lyle Reed 21, North Star twp. Jasper Lovett 28, Sumner twp. Alva Fisher 16, Sumner twp. Wilmit Ridsdale 19, Baunister Ruth Ladd 17, Ashley Herman Buchholz 21, Saginaw Co. Blanche Merrott 26, Elia twp. Wallace Eggleston 48, Wheeler Emma E. Oakes 55, Wheeler Carl Dickerson 19, Seville twp. Hazel Veeder 18, Pine River twp. Claude M. Nichols 25, Riverdale Beulah B. Bowers 18, Elwell Harry H. Krauel 22, St. Louis Lena Beard 22, St. Louis

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Semer Husted and two daughters, Golda Husted and Mrs. Jay Guernsey, and little daughter, of Detroit, met with a serious accident last Saturday, while returning home from Ithaca. The horse became frightened at a truck and started to run, throwing all of them out of the buggy. Mrs. Husted's ear was torn off and her jaw badly broken, while the others were badly cut and bruised up. Drs. Weller, Foust and Bunt, of Ithaca, were called. All are doing nicely, with hopes of a speedy recovery.

NAB BOOTLEGGER BY CLEVER WORK

Vibber Worked Two Weeks to
Work Up Case Against Chef
on Railroad Train.

WAVED EXAMINATION HERE

Chef Is Now Waiting Next Term of
Circuit Court When He Will Be
Sentenced on Charge.

James Wigfall, chef on the Ann Arbor passenger northbound last Friday, was arrested when the train reached this city and taken to the local jail on a charge of bootlegging.

The complaint was made by Chief of Police Oscar Vibber, who had been watching the man for some two weeks, following a tip which had been given him, and he was sure that when the arrest was made that he had the goods on his man. The arrest was made by deputy sheriff Martin of St. Louis.

Wigfall waived examination and was taken to Ithaca, where he was released on his own cognizance. He will plead guilty and will receive sentence at the next term of Circuit court, it is said.

It is understood that Wigfall has lost his position with the railroad because of his alleged actions.

SPOILED BUSINESS

Said Since She Came There Were No
Baby Funerals.

Buyers of Red Cross Christmas Seals which help to raise funds to maintain visiting nurses, will be interested in a story told by Miss Fanny F. Clement, of Washington, D. C., Superintendent of the Town and Country Nursing Service of the American Red Cross.

Miss Clement states that visiting nurse had worked with great success in a mining town in the West, when suddenly she was informed that her services would no longer be required. She discovered that at a meeting a majority of the town board had voted to withdraw financial support.

She was mystified by this action, until she came to realize why had cast their votes against her and what their reasons were for doing so.

One of the majority votes was an undertaker who stated in meeting that since the arrival of the nurse by business in babies' funerals had fallen off so that he was doing practically nothing in this line. Another owned an unsanitary barn next to the schoolhouse. The barn had been torn down after the nurse explained the danger to the community. The third owned property which was not connected with the sewage system, but which the law required should be connected. The nurse was striving, with the support of the town to enforce the law.

It pays to support a nurse who helps to put the undertaker out of business. Red Cross Seals save babies' lives through the support of tuberculosis visiting nurses.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Celebration of Holy Communion in St. John's Church on Christmas Day made a very beautiful service. The choir rendered the choral parts with much expression. The soloist, Miss Gertrude Benedict sang "The Star of Bethlehem" in a way that helps one to realize the Spirit of the day. A short sermon was given by the rector who emphasized the need of keeping Christ before the minds of men as the only solution of the troubles of the present time.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Alma Savings and Loan Association will be held at the office of the secretary at 106 E. Superior street, Alma, Mich., on January 14, 1918 at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., for election of directors and for other business as may properly come before such meeting. (23-3t-c) D. L. JOHNSON, Sec'y.

MCKINNEY RESIGNS

Resigns Position at Truck Plant to
Take Sugar Factory Position.

Ira H. McKinney, superintendent of labor at the Republic Motor Truck company, of this city, has resigned his position with this concern. It is said Mr. McKinney has accepted a far better position with a sugar factory at Marine City where he will be the manager. He has had years of experience in the sugar business and is well known throughout the state as a capable man in this business.

It is understood that the resignation will take effect at the end of the year, but it is not known definitely.

It is understood that Mr. McKinney will not resign his office as mayor of the city of Alma, and that he will not move to Marine City until Spring.

NOTICE!

On and after this date (December 14) I will be at my office in the Montpelier Implement store, adjoining the City Hall, for the purpose of collecting city taxes.

J. M. MONTIGEL,
City Treasurer.

FIRE WARDEN

Council Appointed Fire Warden for
City Last Night.

With a view of lessening the danger of fires in Alma, the city council last evening empowered Mayor Ira H. McKinney to appoint a fire warden for the city, and C. M. Grew was immediately given the job.

Among the duties that will be connected with this office will be to inspect the basements of the stores, etc., and to see that they are kept clean from inflammable materials, to see great an extent as possible, especially waste paper, empty boxes, and other rubbish.

To him will also fall the job of keeping rubbish from accumulating in the alleys back of stores, and in other places where it may offer a good start for a fire.

The members of the council believe that the fire danger in this city can be lessened very materially with an efficient fire warden in the city, thus saving money for the city, and also for the residents of Alma through a smaller number of fires.

It will also have a big tendency to keep the city much cleaner than it has been in the past.

REED HAS RESIGNED

BANK POSITION

Action Caused by Ill Health—
Bank Officials Secure H. M.
Glass, Who Is On Duty.

Mr. H. C. Reed, assistant cashier at the Alma State Savings bank, since November 1st, has resigned his position there because of an injury, which brought on ill health and left him unable to properly attend to the work. The directors of the bank have secured the services of H. M. Glass, a thoroughly competent man, who is now on duty.

It is understood that the resignation of Mr. Reed came simply because he felt that he could not handle the work at the bank in the shape which it should be handled, because of his injury. He has returned to the Ponpel State bank and resumed the position which he had there, before coming to this city.

Mr. H. M. Glass, who has taken the position with the Alma bank, comes to Alma highly recommended. He has had eleven years of experience in one of the banks of Greenville, and for two years was the assistant cashier of the bank at Carson City, giving him thirteen years of banking experience in all.

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of Ely School Dist. No. 5 for month ending Dec. 21.
Number of pupils — 36
Number of days taught — 19
Average attendance — 30 plus
Those neither absent nor tardy are, Lucile Zumbink, Josephine Smunek, Dorothy Craz, Guy, Velma and Mary Hanford, Pearl and Louisa Wrench, Howard, Gladys and Ralph Duckworth.

There was a mistake in last month's average. It should have read 29 plus instead of 19 plus.

A program and Xmas box was enjoyed the afternoon of the 21st.

The 7th and 8th grades are studying "The War Message".

The little folks have been making paper reindeer.

Visitors for the month are, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Parkhurst, Mrs. Zumbink, Mrs. Nestle, Mrs. Udell, Mrs. Hanford, Edna Hanford and Pearl Beard.

THIS IS PATRIOTISM

Thomas Arnold Robinson of this city has undergone six months of experience on the bloody war stricken fields of Europe and returned home at the end of his six months service. Tuesday he left to start at it again, this time as a member of Uncle Sam's army. Robinson left for Austin, Texas, where he starts training for an aviator, and is hoping soon to be back in Europe, aiding as he may to win the war for his country. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson of this city.

SEVILLE-SUMNER CLUB

The Seville-Sumner Farmers' Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gargett, Thursday, January 3, PROGRAM

Song, Club.
Prayer.
Music, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.
Reading minutes of last meeting.
Roll Call, "My New Year Resolution."
Music, Willis and Ha Gargett.
Report of delegate, Mrs. Wm. Schiff.
Music, Florence and Alice Wilson.
Question Box.
Song, Club.

CLOSE EARLY

Merchants to Close Early for the
Next Few Months.

Believing that much good will result from early closing from January 1, to April 1, the merchants of the city have signed an agreement to close their stores at 6:00 p. m., except Saturday and Republic nights.

One of the chief reasons for moving this year is given as the conservation of fuel. Another is to save the clerks of the stores a little time.

GRATIOT BELOW RED CROSS QUOTA

County Again Fails to Come Up
to the Quota Which Has
Been Set for It.

IS NOW FOUR HUNDRED SHORT

Has 1,000 Memberships of Which City
of Alma Turns In About Two-
Thirds, Setting Pace.

Reports received this morning indicate that Gratiot county is far below the membership quota which has been set, and word has been received to continue the drive until January 1, 1918 in the hope of getting over the top.

Figures secured this morning give the county quota as 1,400 memberships, and of this number Gratiot county has only 1,000 memberships.

Alma has come to the front for the Red Cross although the county has fallen way behind. Alma now has a Red Cross membership of 650, or almost half the entire quota of the county.

A fine work has been done in this city and it is being estimated that by January first Alma will have half of the entire quota of the county subscribed.

A great deal more work must be done in all parts of the county if Gratiot is to hit the mark which has been set for her.

The figures show that Alma has almost twice the number of Red Cross memberships that the rest of the county has been able to raise so far. It is a usual want for Alma to lead the county, but for Alma to come to the front and do twice as much as the rest of the county is something which has not happened before.

Following her usual course, however, Gratiot is behind. She was behind on the Second Liberty Loan, and she was behind on the First Liberty Loan. Time to wake up and do something out in the county, one would think.

GOOD TIME

Residents of Masonic Home Had a
Fine Time Christmas.

A fine Christmas was enjoyed this year at the Masonic home, although it was a quiet one.

Friends of the residents of the home remembered them in fitting fashion with many gifts, which greatly delighted them. Chief among these was a money gift, which came to each and every resident of the Michigan Masonic home, which came to them from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

During the afternoon and evening music and other amusements and entertainment was provided, which enabled the residents to greatly enjoy the day.

LEAVES ALMA

Dr. Brownridge, veterinary, who has been here for the past few years with offices at the Wright House barn, decided last week to leave this city and open offices in a Wisconsin city. He left the first of the week with his family for that state.

THE THEATRE

The Idelhour.
Tonight, Friday, the offering at the Idelhour is Bryant Washburn in "The Golden Idol," a humorous romance of a happy-go-lucky vagabond and a millionaire's daughter.

Wm. S. Hart's latest, and all reports say, his best picture, "The Narrow Trail" will be shown Sunday and Monday.

The story of "The Narrow Trail" is one of intense heart appeal and affords Mr. Hart, who is perhaps one of the greatest American portrayals of Western characters, abundant opportunities for the display of his great talents.

The perfect scenes of the photoplay were staged in the mountains south of Los Angeles and they invest the picture with a romantic setting of natural beauty and effectiveness seldom seen in cinema productions.

One of the thrilling bits of the play is a fight between Hart and one of his supporting players, which, for realism and sheer daringness, it is said, has no equal in cinema history. No gloom was cast in this battle and the effect was greatly heightened. Hart, as well as his antagonists in the fight, were severely bruised and blood flowed freely. In addition to this